

The New York whaling buoy, which broke adrift on the 11th January, has been temporarily replaced by an ordinary red and black chequered conical six-foot buoy.

Two residents in First Street were each fined, at the Magistrate's day, for wasting water, by allowing water to run all night, into a receptacle containing fish in the cockhouse.

To test the aptitude of the cadets of Captain J. Trautman Smith, of the City of Peking, when his vessel was run into by a Japanese warship near Kolo, the passengers presented him with an address. Mr. F. A. Blake, brother of His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, was spokesman.

This morning, the Police were informed by the inhabitants of No. 506 Queen's Road West that a Chinaman had fallen down the smoke hole from the first floor. The Police visited the house, and found the body. The man had risen during the night, and fell down the hole in the dark. The body was removed to the mortuary.

A return of the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the Colony of Hongkong, during the week ended 21st January, shows that a death occurred from bubonic plague, There were 2 cases of diphtheria and 1 case of enteric fever. One case of smallpox was reported from the P. and O. steamer Olympia.

Yesterday, Mr. C. C. Malson, exposed for sale by public auction, Inland Lot 4,151, for a period of seventy-five years. The lot is situated in MacDonnell Road (between Kennedy and Bowen Roads), and contains 15,400 square feet. The annual rent is \$100. The upset price was fixed at \$1,845. The lot was sold to Mr. A. A. Outwater for \$2,250.

Chinese Detective Inspector Hanson, Inspector Moffatt, and a party of Chinese police raided a gambling house last night at No. 1 Ruan Ka Lane, and arrested twelve Chinese, one of whom was engaged as an interpreter to the Sanitary Department. At the Magistrate's day, the first master was fined \$175, the second master (the interpreter), \$175, another \$75, two others \$25 each, and the remainder, \$15 each.

A cycle tournament will be held at Quarry Bay Recreation Grounds, on Friday, February 10, commencing at half-past one o'clock sharp. The handicap events are 6, 4 and 2 miles, a one mile race for veterans over forty years of age, 10 yards start per year, a two-mile bicycle race open to all over thirty years of age (handicap on their marks) and a two-mile race open to all under twenty years of age.

The World says:—The provisions of the Order in Council will save the professional life of Commodore Swinton Holland, now at Hongkong, who becomes a Flag officer on the early retirement of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edmund Comberford. In ordinary circumstances he would have been put off the shelf for age early in February. Commodore Holland's promotion will leave a desirable appointment vacant. It is understood that Captain Powell, of the *Mary*, will get this piece of patronage, and if he does the general verdict of the Service will be that merit has been rewarded.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. K. Robinson gave a very interesting address to the Odd Volumes Society on the subject of "Spelling Reform." He argued that a particular symbol ought to be adhered to to represent a particular sound. In urging the advantages of reform, the lecturer dwelt upon the great amount of school time lost in learning to spell, an accomplishment which did not in any way enlarge the faculties or make a man wiser or better. The child at school in learning to spell had to rely on authority instead of using his reason. Mr. Francis, in proposing a vote of thanks, mentioned what appeared to him objections to the reform.

The Vancouver Daily News-Advertiser of the 31st December says:—A passage of unusual interest to Captain Watt, of the four-masted British schooner *Iranian*, now in the Royal Roads, was completed on Wednesday when the ship dropped anchor 65 days out from Hongkong. Seven days before, when the vessel was several hundred miles off the Cape, twin daughters were born to Mrs. Watt. The voyage of the *Iranian* was very tempestuous. Although coming in the same direction as the missing ship *Edith Bark*, Captain Watt saw nothing of the vessel. He saw the vessel leave Hongkong only 99 days ago and considered that she was too lightly ballasted.

The D'Aro New Marionettes will open in their own Bijou Theatre on the Praya Reclamation at West Point on Saturday. There are, it appears, two companies of D'Aro Marionettes now journeying around, and we are assured that the company which opens its season here in a few days comprises nearly all of the D'Aro family, and exhibits an entirely new combination of "little folk." If the present show proves to be equal to the original, it will be good. If it exceeds the original, then it will be more than good. The company seems to have "caught on" in a wonderful way, and it promises a great variety of programmes, including a variety of songs, dances, and other theatricals.

ROBERTS' TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to THE CHINA MAIL.]

London, 22nd January, 1899.

THE SAMOA DIFFICULTY.

The German Press is very reserved on the Samoan succession question, and is waiting for official reports.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to propose a conference between the United States, Great Britain and Germany on the Samoan question.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOUDAN.

A decree has been signed at Cairo appointing Kitchener (7 Colonel) Governor-General of the Soudan.

The Times says that the convention will entail a protracted war on Egypt, and compels France not to quarrel over the inevitable but to seek compensation.

THE HOLLEY BANKRUPTCY.

The Official Receiver reports that Holley is guilty of fraud and misconduct.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 24th at 11.45 A. The barometer has risen slightly on the China coast. The anticyclone remains central over N. China; and pressure is comparatively low in the Pacific to the east of the Loo-Choo. Conditions slight on the coast, moderate to rather steep with strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—moderate N. winds; fair.

Heriot's Charge Against a Shanghai Resident.

BRANCH, January 21.

On Thursday afternoon, in the British Police Court, before Mr. Burton, sitting for the first time, Police Magistrate, Mr. W. H. Burroughs, formerly of Messrs. Davidson, Ogilvie & Co., was brought up on a charge of obtaining from the Russo-Chinese Bank the sum of £1,000 on false pretences. Mr. A. P. Stokes (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master) appeared for the prosecution, and from his statement and the evidence called, it appeared that the false pretences consisted in the accused having obtained that sum stated on four godown orders, which he gave to the bank, representing the cargo mentioned in the godown receipts was in certain godowns, whereas during the period up to the present time there was no cargo in the godowns. The witnesses examined consisted of Mr. M. Speelman, of the Russo-Chinese Bank, who proved that accused obtained the sum of £1,000 on the representations of Mr. O. Meuser, of the firm of Messrs. Davidson and Company, Ltd., and two godown receipts which he called to prove that Mr. Burroughs did not have between the 30th of March and the 10th of October, 1898, the dates in question, or up to the present time, any such cargo as was referred to, which was represented as being skins and pig-godown.

In answer to the statutory caution the accused replied he had nothing to say beyond the fact that he was guilty. He was then committed to prison. He was admitted to bail on £10,000—himself in £5,000, and other sureties in the sum of £5,000 each.

The annual hour at which the case was called on, viz., half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, and the subsequent difficulties in ascertaining what actually took place, are the cause of this case not having been noticed yesterday morning. Almost invariably cases in the British Court are heard in the morning, and in the ordinary course of their duties the newspaper representatives attend there to report the proceedings. Mr. Burroughs observed that it was within his discretion, under the Order in Council, to hold the enquiry with closed doors, but he had not done so. But as the matter has been generally talked about in Shanghai, there was really no valid reason for secrecy.—N. O. Daily News.

TRANSPORTING AND Cabin Passes are Invalid.

able and very strong.—Robinson Piano Co.

An accident occurred on the river last Sunday (the 15th inst.) by the capsizing of a sampan. The occupant, a Portuguese lady and servant, the sampan-man and his son, were all precipitated into the water, and but for the timely arrival of Mr. MacKenzie, of the *Queen's*, the accident would have had more serious results. He was, however, successful in rescuing the lady, her servant, and the boy, but the sampan-man, who could not be found, was no doubt drowned.—N. O. Daily News.

Lord Charles Darnley would seem to have warned the two chief viceroys in the Yangtze basin very plainly that unless China gives tangible proofs of her ability to protect herself and the foreign commerce within her borders without delay she might look to Great Britain would take the matter in hand for her. We should certainly prefer that China should defend herself by native troops, and would help her in disciplining her forces. Whether Lord Charles was authorized, or only president in the statement he made, is only a matter for conjecture. Further developments without in the China question must be looked for, as the redempting and regenerating elements within do not seem to be at work.—L. and O. Express.

NEVER KNEW IT TO FAIL.

MR. R. JOHNSON, RAWALPINDA. Says:—I have personally tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have given it to travellers who are passing through hot climates, and I never knew it to fail. It is a medicine I can recommend, and one that every body should keep. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy is sold by all druggists, and is also sold by the proprietor, J. C. Chamberlain, at No. 219, Broadway, New York, and at No. 10, South Street, London.

RACING NOTES.

My previous remarks on the Derby candidates having been received with so much appreciation at the Race-course, I will now supplement them by casting a glance over the Old Points entered.

The first one that strikes the eye is *Foxes King*, winner of the "Griffin Plate" and the "Derby" at the last Shanghai spring meeting, an exceptionally high-class and very workmanlike animal. He carries the hopes of some of the northern division that he will clear the board here, and they certainly have every ground for their sanguine views; moreover he will be most carefully trained.

Next comes *Charger*, winner of the Champlions at the Autumn meeting in Shanghai 1897, and third in the Champlions at the last meeting there. He is undoubtedly a first-class pony, but he has had the influenza, and is now undergoing a system of conditioning, which cannot advance his prospects of winning the Champlions of 13 miles here. His boy rides him as if he were riding a wedding cake, and afraid to break the sugar.

Then won our Challenge Cup last year, and has appeared to try and carry it off altogether—by no means impossible, on view, as the old pony is going well, and looks as fresh as a daisy.

Quail, in the same instance, is a homely-looking beast, but the first time he starts for a mile and a half, he will be worth a change in the East.

Yucca, the hero of our last Derby and Champlions, is another of Mr. Hopeful's strong hand, and if he only shows the form he had last year he will be hard to beat, as he can stay well, with a turn of speed for the finish.

Amur, a fairly-looking bay, makes his first appearance here. He was a highly-fancied gelding at the last Shanghai meeting, but hardly answered expectations although he ran a fairly good pony. There is no reason why he should not show an improvement now.

Cherubim has great speed up to a mile, but is not an easy pony to do justice to, being a bit queer-tempered.

Soudown ran an honest pony at the last Shanghai Races, but did not meet the highest class.

Montebello, I am afraid, one of the "has-beens." He always ran a game pony but looks now as if he were afflicted with *anemia*.

Quintenary has never come up to promise, and time is flying—let us hope he may catch it.

Grasshopper is a really good pony at a mile, if he would only give himself a fair chance, but his lack of regularity and his otherwise good prospects. His owner would be immensely pleased to see him win, and so would every one else.

Phenomena has just appeared on the course and his action is not calculated to inspire many to plunge on him.

Two Buns is a great disappointment to the man at the Ralls—last year in the training he was as fast as some amusement in the way of jibbing or otherwise misbehaving himself, but this year he treats round as if to the manner born and will probably render a good account of himself at the meeting.

White Rose is a fairly good pony and not so overworked when the penalties are up.

White Rose has just escaped, being one of the very few that are not overworked. It is fast last quarter, and can be calculated upon to do his utmost.

Chub Rose was known here last year as "Honest Indian" when he was distinctly unbound, but he was patched up well enough to run second for the Shanghai Legation, and he has since then been in his gait still, but with care may beat the crowd, as he is one of the best ponies that ever looked through a bridle. With all these good points in his stable no wonder Mr. Burroughs' trainer regards his prospects as a "cooler" at race.

Menet has been very useful in his time, but his hind legs will give his owner and trainer plenty of amusement before the races.

Glenmore—This charming pony has a suspicious form for a horse that requires no more care with the present hard course. It is a pity that he is destined for harness, but one consolation is that he will always look the gentleman, even in reduced circumstances.

Chiffchaff is a very small bird, but should be watched for the Jockey Cup.

Earl Marshall and *Ute*—Both these ponies ran with some credit in Amoy, and I hope that they may add to their laurels here, but they have to meet a different class of opponents.

Acacia is looking as handsome as paint, but "handsome is no handsome done," and it remains to be seen, whether a series of Gymkhana, he can ever regain his original form and ruffie it with the best.

When I have learnt something about the Subscriptions, I may perhaps communicate with you again, but it will require regular attendance at the course, and both cars as well.

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SUPREMACY COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour A. G. W. P. J. J. J.)

Monday, January 23.

RE WANTED AN APOLOGY.

A. W. Mouton and J. D. Hutchison, merchants, for \$150 as wages due for the month of December.

Mr. O. M. Mouton appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. C. Evans appeared for the defendant. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant was a merchant carrying on business in Hongkong. On 1st November, 1898, he engaged the plaintiff at a salary of \$150 a month as assistant for two months, after which an arrangement might be made whereby the plaintiff would continue on duty until the end of the year at the same rate of salary. Everything seemed to have gone smoothly until 12th December, when it seemed the plaintiff was given some intimation to work up, and owing to a slight mistake in one of them the defendant was told the following words towards the plaintiff: "It's a piece of—impertinence your doing your work like that. A China coolie could do it better, or something to that effect." Plaintiff continued his work till one o'clock when defendant went out. Plaintiff went out at 12.15, looking angry, and taking the key with him. He went home and wrote a letter to the defendant, enclosing the key. The letter read:—"After the very insulting remarks you addressed to me this morning, I cannot continue to work for your office. I enclose you a key to my door, and I request you to return it to me." Defendant took no notice of this letter, and a week afterwards, on 20th December, the plaintiff wrote another letter, in which he stated that owing to the insulting language used towards him by the defendant he had absented himself from his duty, and that he was not returning. This letter also received no answer. At the end of the month plaintiff called upon the defendant to pay his salary by a letter delivered by his boy. The defendant refused to accept the letter. A registered letter was afterwards sent to the defendant which he also refused to accept.

Mr. Evans said the facts as stated were substantially correct.

His Lordship:—There may be something in the argument, but I never heard yet that a man could stay away from work because an apology was not made.

Armed with the key, the plaintiff in 12th December, the English mail having come in, I was at work on certain invoices. There were several orders of a similar character and it was a somewhat difficult matter to ascertain which was which, the counterfoils of the orders having been executed in a very hasty manner.

I called the attention of Mr. Hutchison, and said "I think I have these correct, Sir," Mr. Hutchison rose from his seat, and came over beside me. Taking up the invoices and counterfoils he glanced through them, and addressing me in a very friendly manner, he said: "You have done it quite wrong. It is a piece of impertinence doing your work like that. A China coolie could do it better." He then took the papers off my desk, took them away and occupied himself about twenty minutes trying to sort these invoices out. He then went and went out to lift. Immediately he had gone out, I rose and left the office, locking the door and taking the key with me. I went to my room in Thomas's Grill, and wrote him the letter now in question. I sent it back to the office. I waited for a week hoping to hear from Mr. Hutchison but no apology was forthcoming.

I addressed him again on the 20th, and received no reply. On the 24th January, I wrote him a letter asking him to make out a cheque for my salary. My boy brought back the cheque and said defendant refused to receive it. I then wrote him a registered letter.

Mr. Evans:—Had he not frequently complained about the defendant's conduct, I do not think there was ever any serious complaint. He had occasional reproaches for being slightly careless in small matters.

J. D. Hutchison said:—I engaged defendant on November 1st for two months. He was a very good worker, and very accurate, and there were complaints almost every day. On the Friday or Saturday before the 12th December, I said to him that unless he threw himself into the work and was more careful there would be no necessity to renew his contract. He was very much annoyed, and he said that he would do his best. On the 12th, he had to sort out the orders for the indentors. It was a very simple matter. He was continually troubling me with idle questions. I told him I could place more reliance on the Chinese godown manager.

In cross-examination, witness said:—Probably half-a-dozen invoices were placed before me. I did not consider his feelings when I used the expression towards him. With the exception of the word "impertinence," in the published version of my statement, I do not think there was anything wrong in the expression. I certainly should not have kept him in my office on a premium at the expiration of his two months' engagement. I was only too glad to get rid of him.

Mr. Evans observed that if a servant left before the end of his engagement, he was bound to pay the wages then due.

Mr. Hutchison:—Without a special and particular reason. He proceeded to argue that there were implied duties of employers to employ, and said that when a gentleman of education and of education it was an implied duty that the one should behave to the other with the ordinary courtesy due to their respective positions. A servant might be dismissed for insolence and rudeness, and it was only a fair presumption that a clerk had justifiable cause for leaving when grossly insulting language was used towards him.

His Lordship:—I take it an employer is justified in calling his man a fool.

Mr. Hutchison:—But he would not be justified in comparing him to a coolie.

His Lordship:—I think you will find that your contention is not carried out here. Employers use very unlimited language occasionally.

Mr. Hutchison observed that when the friction was over, the defendant generally went to his room and wrote a letter to his Lordship. Your friend did not give a chance for the friction passing over; he went away.

Mr. Hutchison:—No; he sat there. He used every word of himself. He did not even answer him.

His Lordship:—If he had answered him he might have been turned out then and there.

Mr. Hutchison:—The English common law does not allow a master to use such language to his servant. There were no packets of water here. The master of the house declared he had endeavored for an hour to put the fire out. Mr. Hutchison pointed out that the master contradicted the evidence of his employees, and asked the Court to examine each individual in private so as to get to the truth. The case was adjourned until Monday and prisoners were released until Monday and prisoners were released until Monday.

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THE CANADIAN MAIL.

A Delicate Franchise.

London, Dec. 23.—There is much concern in Royal circles at the health of the boy Duke of Albany, who has always been one of the most delicate of the Queen's grand-children. He had to be removed from Eton a week before the end of the term and his case is said to be a very grave one.

The Notable Dead.

Vienna, Dec. 23.—The Countess Thun-Hohenstein, wife of the Austrian Premier, is dead.

London, Dec. 23.—The Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Price, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, and Canon of Gloucester, died today in his 81st year.

Washington, Dec. 23.—United States Senator, Morrill of Vermont, died at 12.25 a.m. aged 83. Senator Morrill was the oldest member of the United States Senate.

The Bankruptcy of Mr. Hooley.

London, Dec. 23.—The Official Receiver's report of the bankruptcy of Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, the company promoter, is shortly to be presented. It will show that Mr. Hooley's net loss in the flotation of 26 companies was £190,000. Various offices will be charged, including insufficiency of assets to pay ten shillings in the pound; imperfect books, rash speculation; extravagance in living, and, possibly, more serious allegations in connection with missing books and papers.

The Samoa Question.

London, Dec. 24.—The Washington Government, according to a despatch from Auckland, has instructed the United States Consul at Samoa to act with greater vigilance and not to entertain any claims to his British and German colleagues. It appears that the German Agent has taken advantage of his colleagues' confidence to land guns and munitions of war without their knowledge, and also to obtain important advantages for German firms.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—There is much comment here at the reported arrival of an American warship at Apia, Samoa. The newspapers regard it as a sign that President McKinley means to carry out the programme outlined in his recent Message to Congress.

The *London Standard* says:—"No doubt Great Britain will support America and thus punish the already acquired German preponderance. There is not a chance of Germany securing exclusive control."

Admiral Dewey Promoted.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American Navy, having received that position without Congressional action, through the retirement on Sunday last of Admiral Dyer. He will continue to hold that distinction until December 29th next, when he will go upon the retired list, unless Congress exempts him from the operation of the law, and, after making him Admiral of the Navy, provides that he may hold that office in active service without age limitation.

The America Cup.

London, Dec. 27.—Captain "Archie" Houghton, the former Commander of the *Isolda*, has been elected to represent the America Cup challenge, *Savannah*. He says the design of the new boat is perfect, and that she has been specially designed to meet American racing conditions.

A Fancy Price.

New York, Dec. 30.—Frank J. Gould, youngest son of the late Jay Gould, bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday for \$30,000, the highest price paid for a seat on the Exchange in many years. All his brothers are members of the Exchange.

An Astonishing Bank Robbery.

Lima, Dec. 28.—There was a most serious robbery of the National Bank last night, the whole amount stolen being from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The janitor discovered the doors of the vault open this morning. The inner doors were opened by President Michael and Cashier Kahl, when it was found that all the gold and paper money in the bank had been carried away, although the racks of silver money were untouched. There are no marks of violence and the affair is a mystery. The exact amount taken can be told only after balancing the cash.

An Avalanche Horror.

London, Dec. 28.—Part of Red Rock Mountain, according to a despatch from Atrole (a village of Switzerland) has fallen into Atrole, destroying a hotel and several houses. The scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the avalanche covering a square mile. The hotel, with eight houses and twelve other buildings, was swept into a great heap of mud-wood. A new tower was added by the outbreak of fire amid the ruins. Three dead bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that the damage will reach £40,000.

The Fire Epidemic at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, January 21.

At a special general meeting of members of the Fire Insurance Association of Shanghai held at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. K. Ballard, Chairman of the Association presiding, it was unanimously resolved:—

That in view of the recent greatly increased prevalence of fire in Chinese property, many of which are believed to be purposely caused, the Municipal Council be requested to immediately call the attention of the Chinese Authorities to the existing state of affairs, to point out to them the absurdly inadequate sentences imposed in arson cases by the Mixed Court, and to request the Authorities, in the public interest, to issue a proclamation stating that in future offenders will be punished with the utmost rigour of the law.

It was further resolved:—

That in view of the constantly increasing tax on the time and energies of the Fire Brigade arising from the continuous increase of life and property to be protected in these Settlements, a request be addressed to the Municipal Council suggesting that it is desirable to form a small special committee, consisting of members or nominees of the Municipal Council with representatives of the Committee of the Association and with Mr. McLeod (Chairman of the Fire Commission) to enquire into and report to the Municipal Council without delay on such remedial measures as they may deem effective for the strengthening of the Fire Brigade, and all other matters in connection therewith.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1899.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1899, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 29th January, to THURSDAY, 28th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
WATER POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 12, 1899.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1899, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 19th January, to THURSDAY, 28th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1899.

FOR SALE.
A Thoroughbred Siamese (Male) CAT.
Write to
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, January 23, 1899.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, 1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 25th January to WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 17th Jan., 1899.

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DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF JAPANESE GOODS AND ARTICLES.
At Hongkong Office.
No. 9, Prince Street.
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Hongkong, January 1899.

W. POWELL & Co.
BALL DRESS NETS.
Hongkong, January 19, 1899.

ALHAMBRA FACTORY,
MANILA CIGARS.
THE DUC DE MONTEBELLO
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FOR.	STRASBURG.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
LONDON, &c., Bengal &c.	S. BARON	Noon, 4th February.
NSAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	E. P. BIRCH	4 p.m., 4th February.
SHANGHAI, &c., &c.	F. N. TILLARD	About 4th Feb vary.
LONDON, &c., Malacca	E. G. ANDREWS	Abt. 8th February.
SHAI, NSAKI, KORE & YOKO.	G. D. SAUNDERS, R.N.	About 9th February.

* See Special Advertisement. † For Freight (only).
For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 24, 1899.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.
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For Prices and further particulars, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.
Application for Registration of Trade Mark.
NOTICE is hereby given that CHARLES ALEXANDER KIRKBY has, on the 8th day of November, 1898, applied for the Registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following TRADE MARK, the word "SUN," in the name of LATER BROTHERS, LIMITED, who claim to be the Proprietors thereof.
The TRADE MARK is intended to be used by the Applicant's forthwith, in respect of the following Goods in Class 48, PATENTED SOAP, TOILET ARTICLES, AND PERFUMES and all goods included in Class 48. A facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.
Dated the 23rd day of December, 1898.
H. L. DENNIS,
Solicitor for the Applicant.

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PROF. WINTER'S MAGNETIC CURE for COUGHS, WARTS, BURNINGS, CHLORIASIS, and INFLUENZA MARKS for Sale, wholesale and retail, at
Messrs. COTTAM & Co.,
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HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS.
Hongkong, January 9, 1899.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.
THE Second Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on FRIDAY, the 17th February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th February, 1899, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, January 17, 1899.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
(NOTICE OF CALL.)

NOTICE is hereby given that, at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the above Company held at No. 6, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 16th day of December, 1898, the following Resolution was passed:—
"That a FIRST and FINAL CALL of TEN DOLLARS (\$10) per SHARE, upon all the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, in respect of all the SHARES held by them in the above Company, be and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of March, 1899."
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.,
General Agents for the
West Point Building Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, January 1, 1899.

PRIVATE TUITION.
THE GENTLEMEN desirous of acquiring knowledge of the English Language, both Written and Spoken, Advertising can devote a few hours every day at FERRIS or his own Residence.
For Terms apply to **TEACHER,**
Office of 'CHINA MAIL' Office,
Hongkong, January 18, 1899.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.
IN accordance with this Company's Articles of Association, INTEREST at the Rate of 12 Per Cent per Annum is being CHARGED on all UNPAID CALLS.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, January 20, 1899.

NEW AMOY DOCK CO., LTD.
WANTED, A QUALIFIED PERSON, to fill the position of MANAGER to the above Company, Acting from the 31st March, 1899. Apply by Letter, enclosing Copies of Testimonials, &c., to the GENERAL MANAGER, AMOY.
J. FARROW,
General Manager.
Amoy, January 10, 1899.

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Sixty-Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 12, Bank Street, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 29th January, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts declaring a dividend and electing Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 28th January, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 18, 1899.